

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463.

Robert Barnett, Treasurer Committee to Elect Gary L. Ackerman, Inc. P.O. Box 95 Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

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Reference: 12 Day Pre-Primary Report (7/1/96-8/21/96)

Dear Mr. Barnett:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report discloses contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Copies of some, but not all, of the apparent excessive contributions are attached for your information. You should conduct a review of all of your contributions to determine the rest of the excessives that your committee may have received. As you check for additional excessives, you should review the committee's procedures for handling the receipt of contributions.

An individual or a political committee other than a qualified multicandidate committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. A qualified multicandidate committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. The term "contribution" includes any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. (2 U.S.C. \$441a(a) and (f); 11 CFR \$110.1(b), (e) and (k))

Should your review determine that contributions were not completely or correctly reported, you should amend your original report using the correct information. If the contributions exceed the limits, you should either refund to the donor the amount in excess or get the donor to redesignate and/or reattribute the excessive amount in writing. All refunds, redesignations, and reattributions must be made within sixty days of receipt of the contribution. Copies of refund checks and copies of letters reattributing or redesignating the